

## Avondale marks business milestones during COVID-19



*Pictured left to right: Avondale Council Member Mike Pineda; owner of Grind Owner Daphnie Kelley; Avondale Economic Development Director Ken Chapa.*

followed by virtual ribbon cuttings at Xanthi Greek Food, Sipping Sisters Cafe, and My Place Hotels.

“We want our new businesses to know that if you bring your business to Avondale, you will find an environment that will contribute to your success and a community ready to be your first customers,” said Ken Chapa, Economic Development director for Avondale.

Avondale’s Economic Development team has expanded its new business

Groundbreakings, ribbon cuttings, and grand openings are significant milestones for a business. While the COVID-19 pandemic has posed some challenges to celebrating such milestones, Avondale’s Office of Economic Development has found new ways to commemorate these special events, such as live streaming such events on Facebook and Instagram. Modern Grind was the first-ever virtual groundbreaking in the City of Avondale,

welcome to include a video series. Hope’s Artisan Bread, which opened at 13331 W. Indian School Road, Suite 202, is featured as the pilot for the Welcome to Avondale series. The video can be viewed on the city’s various social media channels. New businesses are encouraged to contact the Office of Economic Development on partnering to celebrate special milestones. Please call: (623) 333-1412 or visit AvondaleEDGE.com

## Merch by Amazon facility to open in Avondale

Amazon.com, Inc. announced plans for major expansion into the Valley by the end of 2020, as well as additional growth in the West Valley in 2021. Eleven new sites across the Phoenix metro area are expected to be open by the end of 2020 to support customer fulfillment and delivery operations. The new sites are expected to create more than 3,000 new full- and part-time jobs with a minimum \$15 per hour wage and comprehensive benefits starting on day one.

Among the sites selected was 100,000 square-foot facility at 103rd Avenue and

Roosevelt Street in Avondale, which will house Amazon’s Merch by Amazon, a print-on-demand service that enables content creators to upload and sell custom content printed on apparel and electronics products to customers in Amazon’s stores.

“Avondale is a community where innovation and entrepreneurship thrive. It’s a hub for small businesses, including businesses that operate out of the home,” said Avondale Mayor Kenn Weise. “From that standpoint, Avondale is the perfect place for a Merch by Amazon facility.”



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## Avondale’s Health-Tech Corridor expands



Avondale’s Health-Tech Corridor continues to fill out with the completion of the Akos Medical Campus at McDowell Road and 107th Avenue. This 68,000 square foot Class A medical office building and surgery center, opening Fall 2020, will

create more than 400 high-quality medical jobs. Akos joins other high profile medical firms on the Health-Tech Corridor including Phoenix Children’s Hospital, Integrated Medical Services and Arizona Center for Cancer Care.



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